

EYE-OPENER FOR MR. MARK BENNITT

Manager of General Press Bureau Tells of the Development of Idaho.

WORLD'S FAIR MAN TALKS.

Relates What He Saw in the Gem State This Week Among the Colonists.

Mark Bennitt, manager of the general press bureau at the world's fair, spent a few hours in this city today on his way home to St. Louis from the coast. Mr. Bennitt got in this morning from Idaho, where he stopped off for a few days and investigated the resources of the Gem State. He included in his itinerary a visit to the big irrigation ditch that is attracting considerable attention throughout the country. In this connection Mr. Bennitt, in an interview with the "News" this afternoon, said:

"To illustrate the activity in the taking up of lands on the Twin Falls tract I may state that on Wednesday, the day of my arrival at the new city of Twin Falls a total of 1,500 acres was located and first payments made. On Thursday 1,500 acres were taken. Notwithstanding the fact that the new town is still 30 miles from a railroad and lumber and all other building materials except brick and stone have to be hauled to the place by wagon, about 75 buildings of various sizes have been put up. It costs \$10 a thousand feet to haul lumber from Shoshone to Twin Falls City, and the same price rules for freight on a ton of coal.

"The stage line from Shoshone is doing a tremendous business. The road is well sprinkled with freighting outfits that go on in one day and out the next. On Thursday a lively gale blew up the valley, and the big Snake river was alive with whitecaps. The wind crippled the ferry Blue lakes, during the most of the day the water of the river has been stopped from such a cause, and long lines of wagons on both sides of the river waited for evening to come and the wind to die down.

"Several young men from Washington were at Twin Falls the day I was there and took up land with the view of going into the hop business. Two of them were from Yakima where irrigated land at \$100 to \$150 an acre is not considered high. It may be imagined how eagerly they seized the opportunity to get better land at \$35.50.

WHEAT IS GROWING.

"The soil at Twin Falls is a very fine lava dust that grows sage brush and other desert plants in remarkable luxuriance. A considerable amount of moisture falls on the tract during winter and spring and a good crop of wheat was grown by Mr. Hoxie, who has a farm two miles east of the town side, without irrigation. Some of this wheat, about two feet high and well headed, is on exhibition.

"The enthusiasm that immediately takes possession of everyone who visits the tract is something beyond precedent. They can hardly wait to get out on the land and locate a farm. Most of the land seekers come from other irrigated sections and have a practical knowledge of farming under such conditions as prevail at Twin Falls.

"To those who may be unfamiliar with the exact locality of the Twin Falls tract I may explain that it borders the south side of the Snake river in the northern part of Cassia county. The tract begins at Milner, where a dam, 80 feet high and 1,900 feet long, has been built across the river, and ends at the Salmon River, 70 miles westward. The main canal is 80 feet at the bottom, with banks sloping one foot in three, and will carry 100 feet of water. This is 20 miles long and then divides into a high line and a low line canal. These are each 40 feet wide at the bottom, with banks of the same slope of water. The dam is within a few weeks of completion. The headgates are in, and the main canal is finished. The low line canal is finished. The dam is a point opposite the town, and is moving westward at a rapid rate each day at a cost of \$6,000 a mile. All the laterals as far west as the town site, which is near the middle of the tract, are done.

"Mr. P. S. Bickel, the engineer, told me the water company would require it the coming season.

"It is only two years ago this month when Mr. Bickel was asked to make preliminary surveys for this system, which ranks as the largest on the western continent, and the largest in the world built by private capital.

"The system, as is perhaps well known, is under the Carey act, and the total acreage is 721,000. The amount thrown open to date is 140,000 acres. The new line is destined to be a very important part of the river valley system. The Twin Falls tract is the equal of a principality in its area and its richness is beyond the comprehension of anyone who has not seen it. Almost every acre is tillable, and splendidly drained. It was adjacent to it four of the greatest undeveloped waterfalls on the western continent, capable of producing at least half a million horse power.

SCHOOL ESTABLISHED.

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E. B. ANDREWS NOT COMING.

Chancellor of the University of Nebraska Has Prior Engagement.

Clerk A. C. Matheson, of the state superintendent of schools' office, today received word from E. Benjamin Andrews, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, and J. M. Greenwood, superintendent of schools at Kansas City, Mo., stating that on account of previous engagements they would be unable to accept the invitation to attend the meeting of the Utah State Teachers' association in this city in January and address the teachers.

It is believed that State Supt. of Schools Nelson will be able to secure some prominent educator while in Chicago, as he will meet a number of school men there who can do without him in finding a lecturer who is not engaged.

right up with the times. They have a school of 75 children and 100 votes were cast on election day, although the town-site was not opened till Aug. 29 last. The entire development of the town has taken place in little more than three months.

NOVEL CHRISTMAS TREE.

"At the time of my visit the people were planning for the Christmas festivities. An interesting feature will be a Christmas tree made with sage brush branches. The young people have organized a dancing class and the social side of life in the new town is developing along with other things.

"The first crops will be alfalfa, clover and timothy, oats and other grains. A nursery is being planted east of the town and many will make a beginning in fruit growing. The apples most favored are the Jonathan, Grimes' Golden, Northern Spy, Spitzenburg and Arkansas Black, while many others are talked of. The winter weather at Twin Falls has been very mild. It is said to be never very cold there. I noticed that the locality was much warmer than Shoshone and other points on the railroad north of the river. The sugar beets will do well in this fine soil and it is expected that the sugar making industry may be developed there."

DEFEND MORMONISM.

Utah Students at Johns Hopkins Stand Up for the Church.

(Special to the "News.")

Baltimore, Dec. 15.—H. Claude Lewis and Alfred J. Ridges of Salt Lake City, students at Johns Hopkins university, defend the "Mormon" Church. Mr. Lewis said today: "This investigation is to inquire into the secrets of the 'Mormon' Church, not the validity of their taking the seat. The secrets are greatly misrepresented." Mr. Ridges spoke in the same strain and also took exception to the statement that "Mormonism" is being taught in the public schools, and said also that it was absurd to say that the "Mormons" were compelled to give all their earnings to the church.

FAIR TOMORROW.

Weather Man Looks for Warmer Wave To Strike the Valley.

The pleasant weather is "on" again today, and while it was decidedly cool this morning, cool enough to justify the weather man for predicting cold today, it warmed up towards afternoon, that a man could feel the sun in his shirt sleeve, and not feel chilly. A well marked high barometric area out at present west of the 100th meridian, and tomorrow will be fair, and perhaps warmer.

POSTMASTER FOR LACLEDE, IDAHO.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Andrew Christensen has been appointed postmaster at Laclede, Kootenai county, Idaho, vice William A. P. Clark, resigned.

CITY SCHOOLS.

Enrollment of Pupils for November Shows Total of 13,131.

The report of the city schools for the month of November shows the total enrollment to be 13,131 pupils. There are 334 teachers employed and the average number of pupils to each teacher, exclusive of the high schools, is 41. There were 1345 cases of tardiness during the month, two cases of corporal punishment and 25 cases of truancy. Of the total number of pupils enrolled 42 are colored.

The average percentage of attendance was 94.2 and the average of punctuality was 99.6 per cent. The Emerson school took first place in average attendance, its percentage being 97.3. Three schools had an average percentage of punctuality during the month of 99.9. They are the Ogilvie, Sumner and Union schools.

JIMMY BOLTED AGAIN.

Sullivan Boy Picked Up This Morning Half Frozen From Exposure.

Jimmy Sullivan, the 10-year-old boy who ran away from the orphanage several days ago and told a wild story about being deserted by his parents, is again in the toils.

When Jimmy ran away he was found by the police. To them he said his father and mother left him in a vacant house and went away. He told such a hard luck story that several kind-hearted persons wanted to adopt him. When the police had about despaired of solving the problem of disposing of the lad, his mother called and explained that the boy had left the orphanage where she had placed him some weeks before.

Last night he again ran away, and about 6 o'clock this morning was found near the residence of Mrs. Carter, No. 3 Whitaker court. The youngster was nearly frozen, and was taken into the house, warmed and fed and put to bed. Later the police were notified and the lad was taken to the station.

"The police say that an effort will be made to send him to the State Industrial school.

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SCHOOL ESTABLISHED.

"The people at Twin Falls City are

A SMALL FORTUNE AS COMMISSION.

J. E. Bamberger May Get \$88,000 From Two Boston Capitalists.

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Children's Suits and Overcoats Cut 25 to 50 per cent.

Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats

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Holiday Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Shirts.

61-63-65 MAIN STREET.

CONNERS EXECUTED.

He Murdered Deputy Sheriff Sweet at Blackfoot, Idaho.

(Special to the "News.")

Boise, Ida., Dec. 15.—James Connors was executed inside of the prison yard this morning at 6:10 for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Sweet at Blackfoot Dec. 5. The murder was one of the coldest blooded in the history of the state. In company with two other men he terrorized the people of Blackfoot and afterwards visited a Japanese settlement, where the men were employed in construction work on a railroad. When the deputy sheriff came up to arrest Connors, he shot him twice and the deputy died a few hours later. Connors admitted his guilt, but he refused to make any statement, and when the hour of execution arrived he walked up on the scaffold without a tremor. He declined to have spiritual comfort and faced death with a bravado never before witnessed on a scaffold in Idaho. He was pronounced dead within 12 minutes after the trap was sprung.

BROWN GOT TEN MONTHS.

Man Whose Bond Was Forfeited Appears and Pleads Guilty.

William Brown, whose bond was declared forfeited by Judge Lewis on last Saturday on account of his failure to appear for arraignment, appeared before Judge Lewis today and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of house-breaking and was sentenced to 10 months in the state prison. The second count in the information, which charged him with grand larceny, was dismissed upon motion of District Attorney Benner K. Smith. Brown and a man named William Farmer broke into a Rio Grande car at Crescent on Oct. 11 and stole merchandise, valued at \$74.

MAY NOW BE TRIED.

Case of Mary K. Stevens Against Grand Central Mining Company.

A reversal of judgment in the case of Mary K. Stevens and Josephine Kelley against the Grand Central Mining company was received yesterday at the United States court, from the circuit court of appeals, at St. Louis. The mandate of reversal is against a judgment sustained by Judge Marshall in 1902, to the plaintiffs' petition, which had the result of forcing the case out of court. A trial will now be possible. Costs of \$44.10 were awarded the appellant. The cause for action was to establish the claim of heirs of the late William K. Stevens, of the Kings-William lode mining claim, and action was first filed in 1891.

COURT NOTES.

Judge Stewart today rendered a decree of foreclosure of lien in favor of plaintiff in the case of the Granite Lumber company against C. J. Callison and Frank Darrington. The amount of the judgment is \$394.19, and the property foreclosed is lots 8 and 9, block 3, Waterloo addition to Salt Lake City.

Suit for divorce was filed in the district court today by Bertha A. Pipin against Thomas Pipin on the ground of desertion. The suit was filed yesterday at Pannon, Nev., on Nov. 8, 1897. Plaintiff asks that her maiden name, Bertha Alexander, be restored to her and that she be allowed \$50 as attorney's fees.

In the probate division of the district court today, Judge Hall appointed Annie M. Meyer administratrix of the estate of Alfred C. Meyer, deceased, and fixed her bond at \$4,100. An estate was also entered under a family allowance out of the estate of \$30 per month.

In the estate of Mary A. R. Carrington, deceased, W. T. Gunn was appointed administrator under bonds in the sum of \$2,500.

Judge Hall today rendered a decree of foreclosure of mortgage in favor of plaintiff in the case of Mary Schutte against Sidney R. Lamborne et ux. The amount of the judgment is \$146.55, with interest from June 7, 1904, and \$50 attorney's fees. The property involved is lot 10, block 2, Rice & Calder's first subdivision of lots 14 and 15, block 13, Five-acre plat A, Big Field survey.

BURGLARS WHO FAILED.

Crawled Through Basement Window Raising Fruitlessly Madsen's Store.

Burglars crawled through the basement window of P. W. Madsen's furniture store on east First Street last night and attempted to break open the cash register. They were taken into the house, warmed and fed and put to bed. Later the police were notified and the lad was taken to the station.

CHECK FOR MRS. L. M. SMITH

County Clerk Has a Pension Warrant For the Unknown Lady.

County Clerk James has received at his office from San Francisco, a pension check payable to Mrs. Louisa M. Smith, widow of Charles T. Smith. As Mr. James has no information concerning the party named, he announces that she may have it by making application at his office.

KEARNS AMENDMENT.

To Statehood Bill Making Grand Canyon Dividing Line, Lost.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The senate committee on territories today reported the statehood bills, but Senator Kearns' amendment declaring the Grand Canyon the dividing line between Utah and Arizona, was not incorporated. The opposition has come from Arizona and the committee decided to let the senate decide the question unopposed by any action of the committee.

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H. J. FAUST FUNERAL.

From Fourteenth Ward Chapel, at 2 O'clock Tomorrow Afternoon.

The funeral of the late H. J. Faust, the Utah pioneer, will be held tomorrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from the Fourteenth ward chapel, with Bishop George H. Taylor presiding; and that there will be a generous turnout of the many friends of the deceased goes without saying. The remains can be viewed from 11 to 1:30 p. m. at the chapel of Joseph W. Taylor, prior to their being removed to the ward chapel. The interment will be in the city cemetery.

James A. Faust, a son of the deceased, arrived last evening from Deep Creek to attend the funeral.

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TELEPHONE PIPE DREAM.

Independent Company Has no Intention To Establish Party Lines.

An irresponsible morning paper stated yesterday, it was learned "on excellent authority," that the Independent Telephone company was proposing to inaugurate party lines, in response to a general demand. Colonel Harris, manager of the company, was in consequence overruled yesterday, and this morning, with an endless string of applicants desirous of making contracts, until a path was worn through the stairs, and the clerks and the manager made more or less frantic. Colonel Harris declares that the report is an excellent authority, but that the company has no intention whatever, of installing party lines, and under no circumstances could be induced to do so.

WEATHER REPORT.

Record at the local weather bureau for the 24 hours ending at 6 a. m. today.

Barometer reading at 6 a. m. 25.959 inches. Temperature at 6 a. m. 27 degrees; maximum, 44; minimum, 22; mean, 33, which is the normal.

Deficiency of the daily mean temperature since the first of the month, 1 degree.

Excess of daily mean temperature since Jan. 1, 141 degrees.

Precipitation since first of the month, .29 inch; which is .23 inch above the normal.

Excess in precipitation since Jan. 1, .32 inch.

Local forecast for Salt Lake City and vicinity.

Fair tonight and Saturday.

Forecast taken at Denver, Colo.

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Western Wyoming: Fair tonight and Saturday.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The barometer is highest over the Plateau region, Rocky Mountain slope, Ohio valley, Tennessee, east Gulf and south Atlantic states; and lowest over the Missouri valley and north Atlantic states. The storm over the northern Rockies yesterday morning moved eastward and the south Atlantic slope northeastward. The high pressure now over this section has caused fair and colder weather.

Precipitation occurred over portions of the north Pacific and Atlantic states, plateau region, Rocky Mountain slope, Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys, extreme northwest lake region, Tennessee and the British possessions. It was snowing this morning at Buffalo, N. Y., and Moorhead, Minn.

The temperature has fallen considerably over portions of the Rocky Mountain slope and upward, with rising temperature generally elsewhere.

R. J. HYATT.

Local Forecaster.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m. 27

7 a. m. 21

8 a. m. 25

9 a. m. 24

10 a. m. 28

11 a. m. 35

12 m. 37

1 p. m. 35

YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

Highest..... 44

Lowest..... 22

LATE LOCALS.

The many friends of Mr. A. M. Buchanan, the well known traveling man who for the past ten days has been afflicted with smallpox, will be pleased to learn that he is now rapidly improving.

The colored people of this city are much interested in the coming paper flower show to be held in Federation hall Dec. 29 and 30, in aid of the A. M. E. church. The exhibitor will be Mrs. L. A. Ridley of El Paso, Tex.

The new rock crusher which Street Supervisor Seddon has wanted for so long has arrived and will be unloaded today or tomorrow and set up in City Creek canyon. The crusher cost about \$1,600 laid down in Salt Lake.

George M. Cannon received the sad intelligence by wire this morning, from Oakley, Ida., that his daughter, Miss Addie Cannon, was threatened with typhoid pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. Cannon left by the next train for the north to attend the sick girl.

The subject of Dr. Talmage's lecture before the University Sunday school Sunday next will be "The God of Ephraim and Judah." Dr. Mills will hereafter distribute leaflets to those in attendance, outlining the subject of his lecture.

The second session of the blockteachers convention in Liberty stake, will be held this evening at 7:30 sharp in the Second ward meetinghouse. All acting teachers in Liberty stake should be present. Arnold H. Schultness, Philip S. Maycock.

The Burlington has got out a fine folder illustrative of the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming, well filled with light tones, and a large map. A great deal of valuable information is included in this folder, which will be of special interest to Utah people on account of there being so many former residents of this state located in that part of the country.

The State University regents met early this afternoon, and adopted the report of the chairman of the board of regents to be made to the governor and legislative assembly, setting forth the condition and the needs of the institution for the ensuing two years. But as the